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WIRES.

1. AP, SCHWEID, EX TEHRAN, LEADS HAK "APPEALED" TODAY TO SHAH "TO HOLD DOWN OIL PRICES BUT INFORMED SOURCES HERE PREDICTED AN INCREASE OF 30 TO 40 CENTS A BARREL WHEN THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES MEET IN DECEMBER." SAYS US OFFICIALS A FEW WEEKS AGO SUGGESTED SHAH AND SAUDIS COULD WORK TOGETHER TO LOWER PRICE BUT "NOW THESE OFFICIALS ARE SAYING THEY SEE NO DEFINITE SIGNS OF SUCH A JOINT EFFORT." SAYS BEST WEST CAN HOPE FOR IS MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT PRICE LEVEL. SAYS HAK AND SHAH WOULD ALSO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON ME IN LIGHT OF RABAT SUMMIT.

2. UPI, EX TEHRAN, REPORTS HAK AND SHAH, "FOR WHOM KISS-
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INGER IS KNOWN TO HAVE HIGH REGARD AS A WORLD STATESMAN,"

AT FIRST MEETING DISCUSSED PROSPECTS OF EASING OIL PRICES AND COMPLICATIONS IN ME CAUSED BY ARAB SUMMIT. STATES DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID HAK "ENGAGED IN DELICATE BEHIND THE SCENES MOVES TO VISIT" ME AFTER NOV 5 IN ORDER DETER-MINE ISRAEL NEAR AND LONG-TERM REGARD FOR FUTURE OF ME, AND TO MEET SADAT TO SEE WHETHER ARAB SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE "LEFT ANY AREA OF FLEXIBILITY IN THE VARIOUS ARAB POSITIONS." CITES SOURCES TALKING OF HAK'S FEEL OR IMPORTANCE THAT US NOT "PANIC" OVER "CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AT THE SUMMIT." SOURCES ALSO STATED "THERE WAS NO CONVINCING INDICATION AT THIS STAGE THAT THE US MIGHT REVISE ITS POLICY AND DEAL WITH THE PLO, OR LEAN ON ISRAEL TO DO SO." NOR, SOURCES SAID, IS IT LIKELY HAK WILL MEET WITH ARAFAT DURING ME VISIT. ON OIL PRICE, UPI STATES OFFICIALS TRAVELING WITH HAK INDICATED NO EXPECTATION THAT PRICE DROP WOULD COME IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

NEWSPAPERS

1. BOSTGLOBE (NOT AVAILABLE EARLIER), JHABVALA, P.11, EX ISLAMABAD, LEADS WITH HAK PLEDGE OF US WHEAT AID TO PAKISTAN "BUT NO LETHAL ARMS." SAYS, HOWEVER, HAK IN COMMUNIQUE SAID US "WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE 'SECURITY' OF PAKISTAN." QUOTES CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR "SOVERIEGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY" STATEMENT FROM COMMUNIQUE BUT SAYS "COMMUNIQUE DID NOT SPECIFY US INTENTIONS FOR ARMS." SAYS FURTHER THAT "COMMUNIQUE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A TACIT UNDERSTANDING TO ASSIST THE NATION WITH ARMS IN A WAY THAT WOULD NOT UPSET THE BALANCE OF POWER ON THE SUBCONTINENT."

RADIO

1. THE VOICE OF THE AP, BARRY SCHWEID, MONITORED ON WTOP, FROM TEHRAN" HENRY KISSINGER CONFERRED IN TEHRAN TONIGHT WITH THE SHAH OF IRAN. THE PRINCIPLE SUBJECTS -- THE HIGH PRICE OF OIL AND THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. KISSINGER FLEW IN FROM AFGHANISTAN WHERE HE GAVE PRIMIN DAUD SOME SYMBOLIC FOOD IN HIS EFFORT TO KEEP A FRAGILE NATION INDEPENDENT. "WE RESPECT THE FIERCE SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE- UNCLASSIFIED

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NCE THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THE HISTORY OF AFGHANISTAN," KISSINGER SAID. THERE ARE TENSIONS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN OVER TRIBES STRADDLING THEIR BORDER. KISSINGER ALSO TOOK THE BUZKASHI MATCH; THE RIDERS RACE UP AND DOWN A FIELD FIGHTING TO SNARE A HEADLESS CALF AND DEPOSIT IT IN A CIRCLE. IT DOESN'T LOOK VERY MUCH LIKE POLITE POLO."

2. KALB, CBS RADIO FROM TEHRAN, "THE RABAT SUMMIT DECISION TO EMPOWER THE PALESTINIANS TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN, OCCUPIED BY THE ISRAELIS SINCE THE 1967 WAR, THAT DECISION IS NOW FORCING A MAJOR RETHINKING OF AMERICAN STRATEGY AND TACTICS. IT HAS BROUGHT THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION FROM SHORT TETHER READY

OR NOT FOR RESOLUTION THAT REACHED AN EFFORT FOR NEGOTIATION AT ONE END, WAR AT THE OTHER. SO FAR KISSINGER ADMITS NOTHING. IT IS PLAIN HERE NO RETHINKING IS ACTUALLY TAKING PLACE AND NONE WILL BE TAKING PLACE UNTIL AFTER KISSINGER RETURNS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST ROUGHLY NEXT WEEK AT THIS TIME. BUT IT IS PRESSING AND EVERYONE KNOWS IT. KISSINGER, EVEN THE ISRAELIS, WHO MUST NOW COME TO GRIPS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, WITH THIS CENTRAL QUESTION. THE SECRETARY AND THE SHAH BEFORE DINING TONIGHT DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION AMONG OTHERS ON THE MIDDLE EAST PLUS THE HIGH PRICE OF OI6. IT WAS A 2 HOUR MEETING."

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